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10 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
11 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
12 SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

13 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

14 Plaintiff,

15 v.

16 MICHAEL ANTHONY NELSON,

17 Defendant.
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CR 10-00244 EMC

STIPULATED INTERIM PROTECTIVE
ORDER

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20 WHEREAS during the course of discovery in the above-captioned criminal case, the
21 United States may produce documents and other items containing information that is potentially
22 covered by the attorney-client privilege (as contemplated by Federal Rules of Evidence 501 and
23 502), specifically, data contained on an HP Pavilion laptop computer obtained by the Federal
24 Bureau of Investigation from the State Bar of California ("State Bar") and originally taken by the
25 State Bar from the Los Angeles, California, offices of Nelson & Associates; and

26 WHEREAS the United States and counsel for defendant Michael Anthony Nelson
27 ("Nelson"), deem it appropriate for the purpose of facilitating pretrial negotiations and to provide
28 for the protection of such information, and with the further understanding that nothing in this

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1 stipulated protective order creates any presumption regarding whether the specific information is
2 in fact covered by any attorney-client privilege, and lastly preserving defendant Nelson's rights to
3 challenge any such designation at a later time;

4 IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between the United States and
5 counsel for defendant Nelson, that the following definitions and procedures will govern the
6 designation and handling of material and other information produced by the United States during
7 pretrial negotiations, while reserving the question of how such material and information should
8 be handled at trial, and during pre- or post-trial hearings for a future time.

9 1. Definitions:

10 a. "Confidential Material" shall mean information that the Government contends is
11 potentially covered by the attorney-client privilege..

12 b. "Discovery Material" shall mean all materials disclosed by the United States during
13 discovery in this case (regardless of whether the criminal number assigned to this case changes
14 due to the filing of an indictment or superseding indictment).

15 2. The United States may designate Discovery Material as Confidential Material to the extent
16 that it believes in good faith that the information or material is or may be Confidential Material
17 as defined in paragraph 1(a) above. Any labeling, segregation, or designation of Discovery
18 Material as "Confidential Material" should be made, whenever possible, in the case of written,
19 tangible, or documentary Discovery Material, at the time that Discovery Material is produced or
20 made known to counsel for defendant Nelson by stamping each page "CONFIDENTIAL" in a
21 manner that is readily distinguishable from any pre-existing confidential designation or by
22 otherwise manifesting the intention that the Discovery Material be considered Confidential
23 Material. Computer memory storage materials such as tapes, diskettes, hard drives, or other
24 memory media containing Discovery Material deemed by the United States as containing
25 Confidential Material shall be labeled on the outside of the media as "CONFIDENTIAL." The
26 Government shall maintain unlabeled, or "clean" copies of all discovery material that it has
27 labeled "CONFIDENTIAL" under this stipulated order, for the future use by the parties in
28 subsequent proceedings.

1 3. Discovery Material designated as "CONFIDENTIAL" shall be retained by defendant
2 Nelson's counsel in the above-captioned case and furnished, at this time, to no one other than
3 defendant Nelson's counsel in the above-captioned case, the staff supporting Nelson's counsel in
4 the above-captioned case such as interpreters, paralegal assistants, and secretarial, stenographic,
5 and clerical employees who are working on this case under the direction of defendant Nelson's
6 counsel and to whom it is necessary that the materials be disclosed for purposes of the defense of
7 this case. In the event that the defendant or his counsel wishes to consult an expert regarding
8 these materials, the procedure for doing so is addressed in paragraph 8 of this agreement. Except
9 as specified in paragraph 8, all such material shall be kept in the offices of defendant Nelson's
10 counsel in the above-captioned case and neither this material nor any copies of this material shall
11 leave that office for any purpose except submission *in camera* to the Court. While defendant
12 Nelson remains detained prior to resolution of the Indictment, his counsel may bring the
13 designated confidential material to the facility in which he is incarcerated to assist in the
14 defendant's preparation but shall not leave any such confidential material with the defendant. All
15 such material shall be used solely for the purpose of conducting pre-trial, trial, and appellate
16 proceedings in this case and for no other purpose whatsoever, and shall not be used for the
17 economic benefit of defendant Nelson or for the benefit of any third party. All motions which
18 contain any of the material labeled "CONFIDENTIAL" and which are filed with the Court shall
19 be filed and kept under seal until further order of the Court. Confidential Material filed under
20 seal shall be filed with the Clerk of the Court in sealed envelopes or boxes prominently marked
21 with the caption of this case and the notation:

22 **"TO BE FILED UNDER SEAL"**

23 Contains Confidential Material

24 To Be Opened Only As Directed By The Court

25 4. The recipient of any Confidential Material that is provided under this Stipulated Interim
26 Protective Order shall keep such information in a manner reasonably intended to preserve and
27 maintain the confidentiality of the information and shall not disclose such information to any
28 individuals except as authorized by this Stipulated Interim Protective Order.

1 5. At the conclusion of the above-captioned case, counsel for defendant Nelson in the above-
2 captioned case agrees to return or certify the destruction of all Confidential Material to the
3 United States, except as directed by the Court.

4 6. Nothing herein shall prevent counsel for defendant Nelson from using the Confidential
5 Material or from referring to, quoting, or reciting from any information contained in such
6 Confidential Material in connection with pleadings or motions filed in this case, provided that
7 such materials be filed under seal and/or submitted to the Court for *in camera* inspection. The
8 use of Confidential Material at trial or pre- or post-trial hearing will be resolved at or before the
9 time of the trial or hearing.

10 7. Should counsel for defendant Nelson dispute the propriety of any designation of Discovery
11 Material as Confidential Material, counsel shall notify the United States in writing. Such notice
12 shall state counsel's position with regard to the matter in issue. Within seven business days from
13 receiving the notice, the United States shall respond to the notice in writing. If, after this
14 exchange of correspondence, counsel for defendant Nelson and the United States cannot resolve
15 their dispute, they may apply to the Court to do so. During the pendency of the dispute and any
16 court resolution thereof, including an appeal of the Court's decision on such motion, the
17 discovery material shall be deemed "CONFIDENTIAL" as designated and shall be covered by
18 the provisions of this Stipulated Interim Protective Order. The parties understand that, as this
19 Stipulated Interim Protective Order is primarily intended to facilitate pretrial negotiations,
20 counsel for defendant Nelson may choose not to formally challenge the Government's
21 designation of certain material as confidential at this stage in the proceedings. Such a failure to
22 challenge the confidential designation does not constitute a waiver on the defendant's part of
23 either the ability to challenge that confidential designation or the ability to contest that certain
24 portions of the designated confidential material is covered by any attorney-client privilege.

25 8. At such time as counsel for defendant Nelson retains an expert or experts to assist in the
26 review of the Confidential Material, each such person shall execute an Acknowledgment which
27 shall then be submitted to the Court *ex parte* and *in camera* by counsel for defendant. Counsel
28 for defendant Nelson shall not be required to provide said Acknowledgment, or the identity of

1 the expert who signed it, to the United States, unless so ordered by the Court. The United States
2 retains the right to request that the Court authorize such disclosure. Upon the execution of the
3 Acknowledgment by the expert or expert, those individuals may transfer such material or copies
4 of such material to their offices solely for use in the preparation of the defense of this case.
5 Neither this material nor any copies of this material shall leave the expert's office except to be
6 returned to defense counsel's office for disposition pursuant to Paragraph 5, above. Nothing in
7 this paragraph relieves the defendant of the discovery obligations contained in Fed. R. Crim. P.
8 16 (b)(1)(C), nor does the United States waive any rights thereunder by entering into this
9 stipulation. By signing and agreeing to the terms of this Stipulated Interim Protective Order, no
10 person shall be deemed to have conceded that any material has been properly designated as
11 confidential.

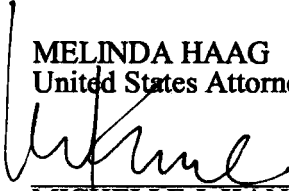
12 9. Nothing in this order shall preclude the United States or counsel for defendant Nelson from
13 applying to the Court for further relief or modification. The parties agreement to enter into this
14 Stipulated Interim Protective Order at this time is for the purpose of pretrial negotiations is not a
15 concession by counsel for defendant that the terms contained herein would be appropriate should
16 the case proceed beyond that stage.

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1 10. Willful violation of this Stipulated Interim Protective Order may be punishable by
2 contempt of court, whatever other sanction the Court deems just, or any other sanctions or
3 combination of sanctions which are legally available.

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5 Dated: Feb. 2, 2012

MELINDA HAAG
United States Attorney

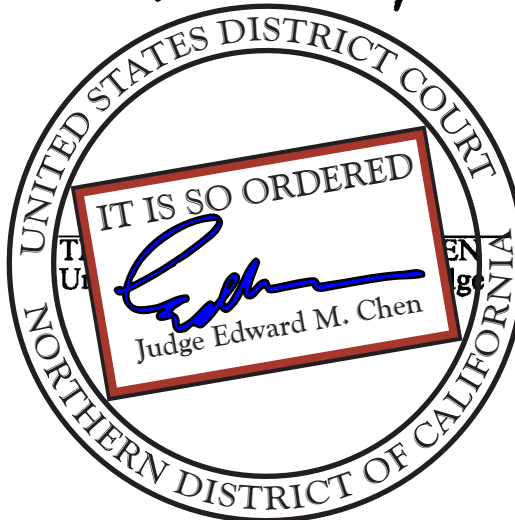

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9 Dated: 2/1/2012


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13 IT IS SO ORDERED.

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